

Thurnham C E Infant School - Annual Parental Survey 2019

ALL YEARS (96 responses received but not every statement responded to, so will add to less than this)

Section 1 – Achievement, standards and progress

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
1. The school expects my child to work hard and achieve his or her best.	92	3	
2. The school communicates well with me about my child and school events.	88	4	

Section 2 – Quality of teaching and the curriculum

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
3. Teaching at Thurnham is of a high quality.	89	6	
4. The school provides an interesting range of activities outside classroom lessons e.g. lunchtime and after school clubs, trips and visits.	90	6	
5. The school curriculum (including themed days and weeks) is interesting and enhances learning.	89	1	2

Section 3 – Leadership and Management

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
6. The school is led and managed well.	92	3	
7. The school is welcoming and I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem.	94	1	

Section 4 – Behaviour & Safety

Statements	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree
8. My child is feels safe and enjoys school.	94	1	1
9. Behaviour is good and any incidents are swiftly dealt with.	85	9	1
10. Any comments or ideas to consider for the future?			

Note, comments may have been summarised for space and edited where individuals could be identified so as to protect anonymity.

- **We will be sad to leave Thurnham.**
- **It is an amazing school and has set both my children in good stead for future years.**
- **A fantastic school, where our daughter has felt safe, in a caring and encouraging environment.**
- **The support the school has shown to my child and us as a family during a particularly**

difficult time has been superb. Thank you Thurnham for being so fantastic.

- **If I could have written 'strongly agree' for the question about the school being welcoming I would have loved to.**
- **Worship times are valuable and I feel it's a positive time for the students.**
- **We would suggest more communication via email i.e. homework/school trip forms/information.**
- **Thumbs up to all hardworking teachers and other staff members !**
- **More tailored activities sent home for parents to help support their child if they seem to struggle at school.**
- **I feel that Thurnham is an amazing school where every effort is made to ensure all the children are inspired to reach their full potential in all they do.**
- **Very supportive school for students and families.**
- **Great school, great staff. Thanks for your hard work!**
- **I am happy with the teaching and support at Thurnham and would encourage more parents to get involved with the school as I do.**
- **A few adults seem to shout or be a little too strict.**
- **It would be good to know that the class teacher is looking at the reading records which we fill in each week.**
- **Very good teachers and Head teacher! All the best and thanks for your hard work!**
- **I'm constantly amazed by the consistency at the school... you just know that your child is getting a great education, and it doesn't differ from teacher to teacher.**
- **Great school good teachers best in Bearsted area, Mr James always on hand to help class room teachers .**
- **You all do a fantastic job and am sure lots of unclaimed hours getting things ready, setting up learning, themes, planning etc.**

- **I can imagine it is quite a task to get 30 children ready for end of school pick up but at times some classes seem to be running really late and this impacts a rush getting children to after school swimming clubs etc.**
- **We have very limited outdoor shelter if the weather is bad and class is running late. Thank you.**
- **Thurnham creates the environment that means my child willingly and eagerly comes to school each day.**
- **My child adores school and we are thankful to the wonderful team who make this happen.**
- **The pastoral support is excellent and everyone goes the extra mile to ensure each child is looked after.**
- **Mrs Johnston in the office is wonderful - a true gem.**
- **The Early Risers staff are very welcoming and friendly.**
- **Everyone has a smile to greet you with.**
- **I find being given less than a weeks notice for things like the celebration assembly is not long enough to enable the time being booked off work.**
- **I wish Thurnham would have more sports after school club activities, not just dancing or golf but for example athletics or a second football club.**
- **Our son loves Thurnham, and our daughter can not wait to start, which says everything about how good the school is.**
- **It would be helpful if more notice could be given about events or appointments etc. that occur during school time as it is often difficult to arrange around both of our work commitments at short notice.**
- **More virtual interaction and updates would be helpful for busy parents.**
- **My child is very happy at school and has made good relationships with fellow peers and teachers.**
- **I am very happy with the range of after school clubs on offer.**

- **Happy all round and no complaints from me my child enjoys school, which is most important, and seems to be developing well.**
- **Clearer information on our daughter's performance and areas for us to focus on in order to help her progression.**
- **Reception class has strong feedback in note book and also on parent evening catch ups.**
- **Thurnham is an amazing school, Staff are lovely and also helpful.**
- **We are glad our child goes to this school and also glad that our other child will be starting this September.**
- **My child has thrived since attending Thurnham, her confidence has been boosted tremendously and she absolutely loves going to school, all the staff are so helpful and understanding with any issues that we have.**
- **Re child collection at the end of school – being clearer about where people should be standing with clearer markings.**
- **There are lots of opportunities for parental involvement throughout the year.**
- **We really appreciate the hardwork of all the staff. Thank you!**
- **The school communicates well on a regular basis, but the way in which communication is done could be more online than on paper.**
- **Excellent school couldn't be happier.**
- **I think this questionnaire would be better if there were ratings for eg. 1-5, rather than just agree/disagree.**
- **Further notice for some events that involve parents attending would be appreciated - we don't always get a lot of notice for things like Celebration Assembly, or when sessions when one of us can come in to attend class are occurring.**
- **The management at school has provided me with good information and steps to take to help my child settle in.**
- **I love Thurnham school and I'm glad my girls and 1 boy had the privilege of being educated here.**

- **For all communication & homework to be sent by email as Roseacre do.**
- **We are so happy with Thurnham, thank you to all the staff for helping the children settle into school so well.**
- **We are very happy with the school and particularly welcome the opportunities we have as parents to participate in lessons and see the children in their classroom setting.**
- **Wrap around care i.e breakfast and after school wraparound possibly with an external provider?**
- **Mr James is an excellent head teacher, and extremely approachable.**
- **All teachers appear kind and caring, and homework is present in the children's lives but not overbearing.**
- **We are very happy with our child's first year at Thurnham and have had no problems at all.**
- **Very pleased with all aspects of school.**
- **Extremely happy with my child's progress so far in Reception.**
- **My child speaks highly of the teachers, TAs and also of the dinner ladies.**
- **Thurnham infant school has exceeded all my expectations of how an infant school would be, it is a fantastic school.**
- **My child settled well into Thurnham initially and started as a very confident child, but I feel their needs could be better met, especially in challenging their reading.**
- **Would like to see more before/after school clubs that act as childcare for working parents.**
- **From an academic point of view i think the school is amazing but behaviour and friendship building seems to be secondary to this a little more focus on being kind to each other and raising well rounded children rather than just super bright ones would make the school perfect.**
- **Both my children love attending Thurnham and I have been very happy with the school.**